

## HANCOCK

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS  
ELECTED LAST EVENINGAnnual Election of Officers of  
Hancock Methodist Church  
Takes Place

## EXCELLENT REPORTS READ

The annual election of officers of the Hancock Methodist Episcopal Sunday school was held last evening, at which time also reports were received from the secretary and the treasurer. The average attendance at the Sunday school during the year, according to the report of the secretary, has been 186, twenty more than last year, while the enrolled membership of 356 is fourteen greater than for the corresponding period of 1908. A large amount was raised by the Sunday school for missionary and other purposes and the work of the year in all departments has on the whole been very satisfactory.

The officers of the Sunday school elected last evening are as follows: Superintendent—Roderick Cameron. Assistant Superintendent—John Leek. Secretary—Richard Broad. Treasurer—Milton Congdon. Chorister—Ernest Currow. Assistant pianist—Hazel Congdon. Supt. Primary Department—Miss Lottie Woodcock. President Missionary Society—Miss Jennie Cox. Secretary—Treasurer Missionary society—Miss May Sobey.

The Sunday school is arranging to hold its annual Christmas entertainment, on Christmas night, Saturday, December 25th. The Sunday school rooms will be attractively decorated and there will be a Christmas tree with presents for all, besides which an interesting program will be given by the Sunday school pupils.

## SHOW IS APPRECIATED.

Big Crowd at Kerredge Sees Presentation of "A Stubborn Cinderella." A lively and pretty musical piece with a plot of considerable interest, and given by a strong company, beautifully costumed, and with striking scenic setting, was "A Stubborn Cinderella." The pranks of the college boys and the co-eds made a big hit, and the choruses representing Mexican girls, bathing girls and others, were most gorgeously attired and did some remarkable dances. Homer Mason as "Mac" and Little Miss Kennelcott as Lady Leslie were especially good in a cast of more than average ability. The latter was girlish and graceful and imparted her own charming personality to the role she was giving. The character of "Mac" was a strong one also, and one that appealed to all. "The dream minute" in the third act, supposed to have been dreamed by Lady Leslie after Mac has told her of the story of Cinderella by the lonely fire in the mountains while the Sunflower is stopped by an accident, is one of the prettiest bits of stage business ever seen here in a musical comedy and greatly pleased the audience. If the fervor of the applause is a criterion, everything in the production pleased, and there is no doubt but that there will be another large house on hand to see the performance this evening, when the play will be presented again.

## YOUNG FOLKS ORCHESTRA.

Organization of Hancock Musicians Pleases at St. Ignace Fair. A feature of the bazaar and entertainment being held this week at St. Ignace church is the rendition of selections by an orchestra composed of about a dozen young people of Hancock who gave great pleasure last night and made such a hit that they were asked to appear again this evening. The organization is an amateur one and is composed of a number of talented young people who have gotten together for the purpose of amusing and entertaining themselves and their friends at private parties during the winter season. Those composing the orchestra are Margaret O'Neill, piano; Nellie McNeill, mandolin; Irene O'Neill, mandolin; Anna Teeffey, violin; Bernice White, violin; James McCarthy, violin.

Irving O'Neill, violin; R. W. Bredfeldt, violin. Cello and drums will be added later to give volume and besides these there are a number of specialists who will sing and give recitations. The organization will be known as the Calumet orchestra.

## K. OF P. MASQUERADE.

Annual Pythian Event Expected to Take Place About February 8. The Hancock lodge of the Knights of Pythias will hold a regular meeting this evening in their castle hall in the Kaulth block. The members of the lodge are beginning to discuss plans for holding the fourth annual masquerade ball, which will take place in Germania hall probably on February 8 or thereabouts. The annual masquerades of the Knights of Pythias are among the most popular social features of the year and each year sees them grow in popularity, with greater ingenuity and originality displayed in the designing of fancy and comic costumes.

## NEW BROKERAGE OFFICE.

Offices in the Wright Building Expected to Be Ready By January 1. The blackboard for the new brokerage office in the Wright building was received this week and is now being lettered by F. C. Seideman, the Hancock sign painter. The preparations for opening the office are being rushed and C. A. Wright, Jr. who will be the manager, expects to be ready for business about January 1. The offices are comfortably and attractively fitted up and comprise a customers and board room, besides private consulting rooms, making the place one which will doubtless attract many patrons.

## TONIGHT'S BALL GAMES.

Light Infantry Versus Elks and Foresters Versus the Eagles. Both of this evening's indoor baseball games in Germania hall will be good ones, the teams that are scheduled to play against each other being well matched. The first game will be between the Elks and the Houghton Light Infantry, respectively the second and third in the league standing, and the soldiers are hoping to be able to lower the Elks a notch and take their place next to the leaders. The Foresters and Eagles have recently been strengthened, the former by the signing of Bogan, formerly with the A. O. H., and the latter by the addition of Mutter as catcher. From now on there will be lively doings in indoor baseball circles, and the championship race promises to be a hot one. After tonight's games there will be a cessation of playing for a week, there being no matches scheduled to be played during the holiday week. The next games to be played will be on Tuesday, December 28, when the Hibernians will meet the Naval Reserves and the Knights of Columbus will play the Houghton Light Infantry.

## HANCOCK BREVITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMaster expect to leave tomorrow afternoon for Chicago, going from there later to Texas, where they will spend the winter. Joseph Moreau, manager of the Scott hotel, leaves this afternoon for a business trip to Chicago. The case of A. L. Heldeman of Calumet, and four others who were charged with hunting deer with a light during the deer season, on complaint of County Game Warden St. Clair Wilson, was heard on Tuesday of last week at Neagame. The case came up before Justice Brennan and the total amount of fines and costs assessed against the party was \$135. The Kerredge theater has been engaged for Sunday, Jan. 2, for the concert to be given by the new Hancock glee club organized recently by Prof. Sanford Mustonen. The production will be a musical piece by the combined membership of the Hancock and Calumet Finnish glee clubs. The funeral of the late Mrs. Maria Salminen, who died Wednesday, will be held tomorrow afternoon from the residence at 737 Elm street, Rev. John Taack officiating. Interment will be in Lakeland cemetery. F. W. Swain, representing the L. C. Smith Typewriter company, left yesterday for Milwaukee after an extended business visit in the copper country. Karl Lehto and K. J. Wirtanen, the local wrestlers, leave this evening for shipping to take part in the wrestling tournament at that place tomorrow night. Oscar Mondoux, day clerk at the Scott, has returned from a visit to Ontonagon. At the regular meeting of the Home Study Club of this city this week Mrs. W. L. McMaster, who has been a member for several years past, and who is about to remove from Hancock, was presented with a silk umbrella as a token of esteem and appreciation. The club voted to donate ten dollars towards the Salvation Army Christmas charity collection. The sale of fancy articles conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph at the hospital since Tuesday, closed last evening. It was intended to continue the sale for four days but all the articles that had been prepared having been disposed of it was not necessary to extend the sale. Besides realizing a neat sum from the sale, there were about thirty dollars realized from refreshments. C. T. Mayotte, the new station agent of the Mineral Range at the Lakeview depot, has moved his family from Mo-hawk and they are now occupying an apartment in the Ley property on

Hancock street. Joseph Udell, formerly of Mohawk, has taken a position as assistant at the Hancock station. Archie and Lager Verville returned Wednesday evening from Stamboul, where they attended the funeral of their uncle, David Verville. There was a large attendance at the regular weekly drill of the Naval Reserves on Monday night. This will be the last drill until after the holidays. A report has been received from Sturgeon Bay, where the Yantic is undergoing repairs, that a number of changes are shortly to be made in the crew of the ship, several of whom will be transferred to other stations and replaced by others assigned to the Yantic by the navy department. Hancock business firms are being called upon by members of Houghton division of Salvation Army, who are soliciting contributions for the fund for furnishing Christmas dinners to the poor of Portage Lake.

## NATIONAL GAME OF BLUFF.

Washington the Center of the Circle of "Make Believes." Everybody in Washington pretends he is on the most intimate terms with somebody just a little bit higher in society, and nearly everybody has to run in debt to keep up the bluff. At the top of the social scale is the diplomatic corps, who are supposed never to have to worry about money, and who spend all their time talking to pretty women and giving dinners. Bless your simple little heart, if you could only look behind the scenes and see some of the diplomatic bluffs it would open your eyes! The diplomats all bluff each other, and each minister tries to make all the others believe that he is the one man whom the president really likes. And there are very few of them that don't economize when society isn't looking. And hash is hash, whether in an embassy or a five-dollar-a-week boarding house.

It is the women who are the great bluffers in Washington, because they are all crazy to be in society, and most of them have nothing to do but amuse themselves. They come to Washington thinking that, because their husbands are congressmen or government officials, the president's wife is going to chum with them and diplomats will ask them to dinner two or three times a week. And when they have been in Washington a week or two, and find out that they are very small leads in a very big puddle, they begin to bluff. They make the other people at the boarding house sit up and take notice when they talk about dinner at the White House and tea at the embassy, which they know about as well as most people in Washington do, strictly from the outside, for the upper ten know only people who have been properly "presented" to them, and don't waste their time on the boarding house crowd.

And so it goes up and down the scale. Society in Washington is like a pousse cafe, where each ingredient is in a compartment by itself. The congressman who lives on his salary isn't in it with the congressman who married a rich wife and has a big house. The senator is higher than the congressman, but unless he has money, he doesn't count for much. The member of the bluff best of all, for everybody has to be good to him, and there are any number of people who would be only too glad to pay his rent if he would agree to invite them to dinner once a week.—Spencer Harley, in January Smart Set.

## FOR YOUNG SINGERS.

Advice by Louise Gunning as to Training and Practice. Singing is a gift. Natural talent, artistic training and practice are the three cardinal requisites of a good singer. The canary, the lark, the nightingale and the thrush reveal their soul in their song. The birds are the greatest singers because they impart the naturalness in their delivery. They live

regularly and temporarily. Be happy regularly and temperately, practice daily, and never sing when indisposed or unhappy.

The human voice, however, when once developed and assured, can be made to assimilate the emotions that a singer may not feel. Students unfamiliar with vocal art invariably fail to realize that song really comes from the mind, the voice being an instrument played upon by the will as the player operates the piano.

The elements of the art must first be thoroughly understood. Great care should be exercised in the selection of a teacher. Many good voices have been irreparably ruined by being misdirected. The secrets of voice production, tone building, articulation and the several variations of manner and interpretation are accomplishments that only experienced singers can impart.

If you feel that you have a voice, no matter what your lack of knowledge or training may be, you owe it to mankind to develop it. Some of the world's greatest artists have been people who at the outset of their careers never suspected their possession of this priceless treasure. No two voices are alike. Beginners should remember this and be careful never to attempt to imitate with a view to permanent adoption the voice quality or manner of another singer. Rudimentary and even advanced pupils should not make a habit of accompanying themselves when practicing if it is possible to obtain the aid of a pianist.

For the young singer one of the first essentials is to be over the self-consciousness that invariably disturbs the vocal poise of most beginners unaccustomed to public audiences. Overcome this timidity by seeking public hearing. It is all a part of a professional's equipment, the ability to face an audience of 1,000 or 10,000 with perfect self-possession. The ease with which nervousness may be overcome in this way will vary, of course, with different shades of temperament.

And now for a final important bit of advice for the pupil who intends to become a public singer. Do not vary to any considerable degree your manner of singing in a big auditorium from the volume and manner exercised in your own music room. A common and most injurious mistake of singers appearing in public for the first time is to believe that a large auditorium means necessarily a correspondingly large volume of voice. When you face an audience, it doesn't matter where it is, how small or how large, sing naturally, expressing the beauty of the melody with all the art and feeling in your being. Before you appear be sure that you have mastered not only the technique of singing, but that you understand also the mental elements entering into your art. Fortified with these convictions face your audience confidently and fearlessly.

Marvel at an Early Age. Christian Henry Heinicke, at one year old, knew the chief events of the Pentateuch. At 13 months he knew the history of the Old Testament and that of the New at 14 months. When he was 2½ years old he could answer any ordinary question of history or geography. He was a French and Latin student at age of three.

It Happened in Boston. Willie—"Papa, there's a big black bug on the ceiling." Papa (busy reading)—"Well, step on it and don't bother me."—Boston Transcript.

## HOW ESKIMOS DIVIDE TIME.

The Children of Ice Are a Race of Hardy Men.

"The Eskimo divides his periods into 'sleeps,' but a sleep does not designate by any means the civilized measure of day and night. It is, in fact, a very uncertain term. Often we travel from twenty to thirty hours, without rest. Now there was no night, and I so far lost count of time that I was not at all certain of dates. Our single marches with the succeeding 'sleeps' not infrequently covered a full forty-eight hours, or two ordinary days. The object of these extended marches was to take advantage of good weather and general conditions, or because no safe or convenient camping place presented itself in the interim.

"Our course was to the northward, that we might circumvent an open lead some ten miles out on Smith Sound. The crisp Arctic atmosphere was brilliant and exhilarating, and for five miles the ice, smooth and perfect, enabled us to make rapid progress. Then we came upon rough rafted ice, and ice axes were brought into use to open a road. Dogs and komatiks became scattered in what seemed to me a hopeless effort to find a passage. But

nothing is hopeless and no physical obstacles so great that the resourceful Eskimo cannot overcome it.

"Now, and again, when the way was blocked, they climbed ice pinnacles to look ahead for possible routes, then returned to the task of cutting away obstructions, hauling, lifting, pulling at the traces to aid the willing dogs. It is little short of super-human—the energy of those men. Six hours of toil and we again found ourselves on smooth ice. It was new ice, formed within the previous fortnight, and as polished and perfect as a field of glass. The dogs appreciated it as well as ourselves, and forged ahead at a rapid pace."—Harry Whitney in the Outing Magazine.

## TORCH LAKE NEWS

J. A. SLATTERY AT HEAD.

Selected as President of Indoor Baseball League and Assumes Office. J. A. Slattery, formerly vice president of the Torch Lake indoor baseball league, has been elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. R. Main, first president of the organization. Mr. Slattery is thoroughly posted on the rules governing this indoor sport, is a regular attendant at every contest, and the other officers of the league feel they have made no mistake in selecting him as their official head.

There should be some excellent games pulled off here this winter, as the four teams which compose the league are all strong, and each member of the different aggregations has the interest of the league at heart. At the present time the Hubbell Eagles lead in contests, as they have played four games, winning all of them.

The next contest to be seen here will be Sunday afternoon at 1:30 when the C. O. F. of Hubbell will meet the Lake Linden Eagles. There has been some changes in the line-up of the Eagles for this contest.

## BUSINESS INCREASING.

Local Postoffices Handling a Large Amount of Mail These Days.

Both the Lake Linden and Hubbell postoffices are beginning to feel the increase in the volume of mail at this particular time of the year. Since the first of the month there has been a gradual increase in business transactions at the offices and the postmasters and their clerks are busily engaged daily.

The in-coming, as well as out-going mails, are increasing and during the next couple of weeks additional assistance may be necessary.

Postmasters John Amesse, of the Lake Linden office and Joseph Wise, of the Hubbell office, have always, year after year, instructed the public how to conduct business through their offices, but some are always negligent which is detrimental to others doing business with the department. Scores of cards, letters and packages, improperly addressed, find their way to the dead letter office at Washington.

By adhering to the rules laid down by the department at Washington, and following the instructions of the local postmasters, a great amount of trouble and worry could be saved and safe delivery of mail assured. At this time of the year in particular it is essential that rules governing the postal business be followed explicitly.

## TORCH LAKE BREVITIES.

Mrs. Lizzie Gillis left yesterday afternoon for Chicago where she will make her future home. She was accompanied by her son. She was tendered a surprise party this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McKerrill, and presented with a beautiful gift.

The Hubbell bandmen intend making their first annual skating party a big affair. They will have a special train over the Copper Range to Houghton on

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that date, January 4, and the train will leave Calumet at 7 o'clock, stopping at all points between there and Houghton, with the exception of Laurium. Reduced rates will prevail, including admission tickets to the Amphidrome.

The next attraction at the local theater will be this evening, when "St. Elmo" will be presented.

Next Sunday evening the choir of the Lake Linden Methodist church will render Christmas music. A fine program is being prepared.

The young people of the Congregational church of Hubbell are preparing for their Xmas cantata, which will be given in the near future. The program is still incomplete but will be ready soon.

News Want Ads, bring results.

At the M. E. church next Sunday a benevolent offering will be taken in the Sabbath school, the proceeds to be used for benevolent purposes here.

## XMAS PIANOS.

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